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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 26, 28, 33-43, 49-52, and 64-87 are currently pending in this application. Claims 40 and 75-80 have been amended. The amendments find full support in the original specification, claims, and drawings. No new matter has been added. In view of the above amendments and remarks that follow, reconsideration and an early indication of allowance of claims 26, 28, 33-43, 49-52, and 64-87 are respectfully requested.

Claims 28, 33-43, 49-52, 64-74, and 77-87 stand allowed.

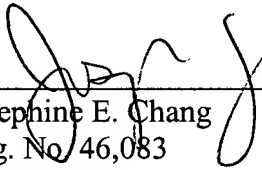
Claims 26, 75 and 76 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. Specifically, these claims are indefinite because claims 75 and 76 depend on a cancelled claim. Claims 75 and 76 have been amended so that they now depend on claim 28. Accordingly, claims 75 and 76, as well as claim 26 which depends from claim 75, are now in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Claims 40 and 77-80 were amended to either correct a grammatical error or for consistency purposes. These amendments were not made for any reason related to patentability.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of allowance of all pending claims 26, 28, 33-43, 49-52, and 64-87 is respectfully requested.

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